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SUBJECT: UK BILATERAL TALKING POINTS

1. IN ADDITION TO GIVING BRITISH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR POSSIBLE BILATERAL WITH DOUGLAS-HOME DURING UK REFUELING STOP.

2. DIEGO GARCIA. THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UK IS DESCRIBED IN STATE 11347 (TOSEC 181) AND AMPLIFIED IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE WHICH WILL BE DESPATCHED JANUARY 18 IN THE TOSEC SERIES.

TALKING POINT.

--WE APPRECIATE THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE UK REACTED
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TO APPROVE OUR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO MEET DEADLINE FOR OBTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE WORK. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH THE UK TEAM (HEADED BY THOMPSON OF

FCO) IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 23 TO CONSULT FURTHER ON OUR COOPERATIVE DEFENSE EFFORTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

3. YEAR OF EUROPE.

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A. NATO DECLARATION. THE MAJOR POINTS AT ISSUE ARE: THE CONCEPT OF A DIFFERENTIATED THREAT TO THE ALLIANCE (ELABORATED IN PARA 3 OF THE FRENCH TEXT. THE IMPLICATION IN PARA 4 THAT THE ALLIANCE IS A WASTING ASSET (QTE THERE IS NO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE END QTE TO THE US NUCLEAR UMBRELLA); AND REFERENCE IN PARA 5 TO THE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. (WE PROVIDED BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE A MEMORANDUM GIVING OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND IN STATE 102829 WE PROVIDED OUR COMMENTS ON THE LATEST FRENCH DRAFT TABLED ON JANUARY 16.

TALKING POINTS.

--OUR PRINCIPAL RESERVATION CONCERNING THE FRENCH TEXT IS THAT IT POSTULATES A DIFFERENTIATED THREAT TO THE NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

-- WE BELIEVE THE DECLARATION SHOULD PROCLAIM TO ALLIANCE PUBLIC OPINION THOSE ASPECTS THAT UNITE THE ALLIANCE, RATHER THAN HIGHLIGHTING CONCEPTUAL DISTINCTIONS WHICH DIVIDE IT.

--WE WILL PROVIDE THE NAC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OUR FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR DEALING WITH THIS AND OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

B. US-EC DECLARATION. FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S JANUARY 4 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR VON STADEN, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE NINE MET JANUARY 10-11, TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA THE SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION THAT A SHORTER, LESS LEGALISTIC DECLARATION BE DEVELOPED. THE NINE REACHED A CONSENSUS TO MAKE A FRESH START ON THE DECLARATION BY
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SHORTENING ITS ECONOMIC PASSAGES AND STRENGTHENING ITS POLITICAL CONTENT. IN FACT, THE NINE HAVE ALREADY CONSIDERED THREE NEW DRAFTS PREPARED BY THE FRENCH, BRITISH AND ITALIANS.

THE EC NINE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS WILL MEET JANUARY 20-21 IN BONN TO START CONSOLIDATING A SINGLE TEXT, WHICH COULD BE THE BASIS FOR THE NEXT US-EC MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS. THE NINE ARE THINKING OF CALLING THE LATTER MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN ADDITIONAL EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION ON FEB. 6-7, AT WHICH THEY EXPECT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A NEW DRAFT. FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL TELLS US THE NINE MIGHT GIVE US THEIR TEXT FEB. 7,

IN THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD REVIEW AND REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON IT AT A POLITICAL DIRECTORS' LUNCHEON MEETING FEB. 8, AND IN ADVANCE OF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 14.

TALKING POINTS.

--EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT A REVISED TEXT CAN RESOLVE DIFFERENCES THAT HAVE ARISEN OVER SUCH BASIC CONCEPTS AS PARTNERSHIP, INTER-RELATEDNESS OF ISSUES AND CONSULTATIONS

--REITERATE, AS APPROPRIATE, OUR PREFERENCE FOR A SHORTER, MORE ELOQUENT, LESS-LEGALISTIC, TEXT WHICH WOULD HAVE GREATER EMOTIONAL IMPACT WITH THE PUBLIC;

--INDICATE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE UK HAS CIRCULATED A NEW SHORTER VERSION IN THE EC AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

C. TRILATERAL DECLARATION. THE SECRETARY MADE CLEAR TO VON STADEN OUR PREFERENCE FOR A TRILATERAL DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHER TWO DECLARATIONS, AND REITERATED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME POINTS TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA. YASUKAWA ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD REFUSE TO SIGN THE US-EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS IF THE NINE REFUSED TO SIGN A TRILATERAL TEXT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND INFORM YASUKAWA ON THIS POINT. YASUKAWA SAID THE JAPANESE
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PLAN TO TELL THE EUROPEANS THAT THE GOJ STILL DESIRES A TRILATERAL TEXT. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOJ WILL TAKE THIS STEP UNTIL THEY HAVE HEARD THE OUTCOME OF THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THSS ISSUE.

TALKING POINTS.

--IN OUR VIEW, A TRILATERAL DECLARATION WOULD MANIFEST THE MUTUAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE US, EUROPE, AND JAPAN, AND WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP IS IN ANY WAY LESSENED OR CIRCUMSCRIBED BY OUR WORKING OUT SUCH A TEXT WITH THE JAPANESE.

--REITERATE OUR BELIEF THAT THE JAPANESE MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE DECLARATION EXERCISE ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY BY ACCESSION TO SOME FORM OF TRILATERAL DECLARATION.

4. ENERGY CONFERENCE. WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE EC WILL ATTEND, AND (AS OF 18 JANUARY) WE ARE AWAITING INDICATIONS FROM BRANDT RE NATURE OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION.

TALKING POINT.

--THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A POLITICAL ACT DEMONSTRATING THE SERIOUSNESS AND IMPORTANCE WHICH GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO THE ENERGY CRISIS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTEND. IN THE CASE OF THE UK, WE REALIZE THAT CARRINGTON HAS THE REQUISITE POLITICAL ACUMEN AND STATURE. WE WOULD HOPE SIR ALEC COULD ALSO ATTEND, HOWEVER, SO THAT OTHERS, SUCH AS THE FRENCH, COULD NOT USE THE BRITISH EXAMPLE AS A RATIONALE FOR NOT SENDING THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS. WITH SIR ALEC'S AFRICAN TRIP ENDING ON THE 10TH, PER

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